

What is claimed is:

1. A network system for providing a print-service, in which a printing process is conducted in response to print-order information transmitted from a customer, comprising:

a first server for conducting said printing process based on said print-order information transmitted from said customer, said first server being installed in each of laboratories and having a printer being capable of producing prints; and

a second server for providing said print-service to said customer through said network system, said second server receiving at least a part of said print-order information transmitted from a terminal device located at a site of said customer and having an information-storing section to store said print-order information;

wherein, when said second server receives said print-order information transmitted from said terminal device located at said site of said customer, said second server stores said print-order information in said information-storing section without transmitting the received information to said first server, and when said first server requests said second server to transmit said print-order information, said second server transmits said print-order information,

stored in said information-storing section, to said first server, and further, said first server conducts said printing process based on said print-order information received from said second server.

2. The network system of claim 1,

wherein said first server can receive said print-order information transmitted from said terminal device located at said site of said customer and said second server can store image-data in said information-storing section, and, based on said print-order information transmitted from said terminal device located at said site of said customer, said first server requests said second server to transmit said image-data corresponding to said print-order information, and said first server conducts said printing process based on said print-order information and said image-data transmitted from said second server.

3. The network system of claim 1,

wherein identification-information of said customer can be registered in either said first server or said second server, and said terminal device located at said site of said customer can be automatically connected to said first server based on said identification-information registered.

4. The network system of claim 1,

wherein said first server transmits printing-history data to said second server at a predetermined timing, and said second server stores said printing-history data of said first server as a database.

5. The network system of claim 1,

wherein said first server stores first template data.

6. The network system of claim 5,

wherein said second server stores second template data, a data amount of which is less than that of said first template data.

7. A server, installed in each of laboratories, for conducting a printing process in response to print-order information transmitted from a customer, comprising:

a connecting section for coupling said server to a printer to transmit image-data to said printer; and

a communication section for coupling said server to a network;

wherein, through said communication section, said server requests another server, coupled to said network, to

transmit said print-order information so as to receive said print-order information from the other server, and, through said connecting section, said server commands said printer to conduct said printing process based on said print-order information received.

8. The server of claim 7,

wherein said print-order information, transmitted from a terminal device located at a site of said customer, are received through said communication section, and, in response to the reception of said print-order information, said server requests the other server coupled to said network to transmit image-data corresponding to said print-order information so as to receive said image-data from the other server, and, through said connecting section, said server commands said printer to conduct said printing process based on said print-order information and said image-data received.

9. The server of claim 7,

wherein said server transmits printing-history data to the other server at a predetermined timing.

10. A server for providing a print service in response to print-order information transmitted from a customer, comprising:

a communication section for coupling said server to a network; and

an information-storing section;

wherein, in response to a request transmitted from a terminal device located at a site of said customer, said server receives said print-order information transmitted from said terminal device located at said site of said customer through said communication section and stores said print-order information in said information-storing section, and further, in response to a request transmitted from another server installed in a laboratory, said server transmits said print-order information stored in said information-storing section through said communication section.

11. The server of claim 10,

wherein image-data, transmitted from said terminal device located at said site of said customer, are stored in said information-storing section, and further, in response to a request transmitted from another server installed in a laboratory, said server transmits said image-data stored in

said information-storing section through said communication section.

12. The server of claim 10,

wherein, in response to accessing activities from said terminal device located at said site of said customer, said server transmits service-information for printing to said terminal device located at said site of said customer through said communication section.

13. The server of claim 10,

wherein said server receives printing-history data from the other server installed in said laboratory and stores said printing-history data as a database.